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November / December 2009

MAYOR'S REPORT

BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

As each fall season passes, the colors seem to be more and more vivid with the maturing of the trees and shrubs within the city. It was a spectacular color show due to the rain throughout the summer. Those of you who walked the friendly mile and the parks paths really got to see the changes. Keep up the walking.

Once again this newsletter is being sent via e-mail to those wishing to have it forwarded to their computers. If you would like to have the next issue forwarded to you, please contact our office. We had approximately 25% of respondents on our recent survey ask that the newsletter be sent via email.

Some street repairs that we felt could be completed by this fall will not be completed until the spring of 2010 due to the weekly rains and not enough time for the ground to dry out. The major re-surfacing of Horsebranch will not be done until the spring or until the Water District finishes laying the new water line up the roadway. The Dudley hill project will not start until the spring of 2010 and is projected to be completed by July 2011. We will be adding some width, curbs and sidewalk from Winding Trails to 3L Highway.

For those of you who travel the Horsebranch Road, Thomas More Parkway and Medical Village Drive intersection we have placed turning arrows on Horsebranch Road and Medical Village Drive to help move traffic along. It has taken us sometime to make these changes due to re-wiring of the control boxes and the pavement. We are and have been looking at all of the intersections to try to improve our traffic flow. Crestview Hills is adding a traffic light at Legends Way within the next few months and this will again change our flow, but we will continue to do whatever it takes to keep things moving.

Spooky Sunday's haunted walk through the park and the magic show were a big hit with all ages. It was enjoyable to see all the adults and children dressed in costumes as well as some of the dogs that were dressed for the occasion. Thanks for coming out in your finest.

Sometime ago, I attended a meeting with many city officials from throughout the United States. At this meeting there was a table with the title "Mayors Against Illegal Guns"; not wanting illegal guns, I signed the form not knowing what kind of spin would ensue. As it turned out, I was against the 2nd amendment, etc. I have since been removed from the "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" movement. On our city website I have a letter to all stating my position. I'm not against the NRA, guns or hunting and never will be.

With the holiday season fast approaching, please plan on attending our annual Tree Lighting, chili cook-off, and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. This should be a great time for everyone to come and enjoy the start of the holiday season. Please read on to find information on all of our holiday events, which includes a new program, Edgewood Night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum on December 4. Plan to bring the entire family and enjoy a few of the up and coming events. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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RECREATION RAP

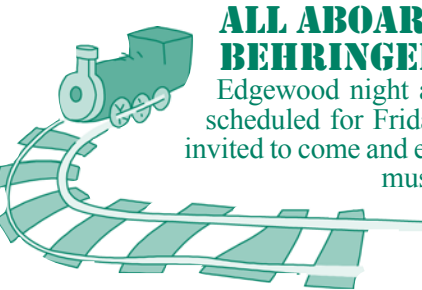
by Recreation Director Kim Wolking

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Join us in kicking off the start of the holiday season at the Annual Tree Lighting celebration, Sunday, November 29, at the Senior Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving just in time to help us light the tree at 6:00 p.m. Santa will be available for pictures after the tree lighting. You must bring your own camera for photos. The city will not have pictures for purchase available this year. Each child will receive a small treat from Santa. Awtnot the Elf will be entertaining the kids while they wait to see Santa.



Show your neighbors who makes the best chili in town. If you think your chili is the best in Edgewood you need to enter the annual chili cook-off contest. Just bring your crockpot to the senior center by 5:30 p.m. for judging. After the winners are announced all entries will be available for sampling. If you are interested in entering the chili cook-off please contact **Kim Wolking at 331-5910** or **kw@edgewoodky.gov** to register. Please see the enclosed flyer.



ALL ABOARD FOR EDGEWOOD NIGHT AT BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD

Edgewood night at the Behringer-Crawford Museum, in Devou Park, is scheduled for Friday, December 4 from 6-8 p.m. Edgewood residents are invited to come and enjoy the holiday toy trains and all the other amenities the museum has to offer during the holiday season at no charge. The evening will also include light refreshments and a craft. This event is for Edgewood residents only. You must show a valid ID at the door. If you would like more information on the museum you can visit their website at **www.bcmuseum.org**.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

The Recreation Committee will be conducting the Annual Home Decorating Contest on December 11-13. Only exterior decorations will qualify. One neighborhood winner will be selected from each of the following areas: Winding Trails, Prestwicke, Brookwood, Dudley Village, Charter Oak, Whispering Woods, Pius Heights, Meadowlark and Old Edgewood. Based on participation the judges may omit an area and select more than one winner in the same neighborhood if necessary. All judges' decisions are final. If your home is being considered for an award, you will find a red ribbon on your mailbox. Winners will be announced on December 15. Please mark your calendars to have your lights on the entire weekend. Judges will be out each night. This is also a great weekend to take your family out to view the lights.



LIGHT UP EDGEWOOD LUMINARY NIGHT

This year the City and Little Red School House will be hosting the Annual Luminary Night on Sunday, December 13 from 7-9 p.m. (rain date Sunday, December 20). This year our luminary kits will include red bags (while supplies last). You can pre-order your kits with the enclosed form which includes free delivery or you may pickup kits at the city building during regular business hours beginning December 1. Kits are \$8.00 each or two for \$12.00. Each kit contains 12 bags, 12 candles and 10lbs of kitty litter.

LETTERS TO SANTA

The Recreation Department will provide a mailbox for delivering letters to Santa at the North Pole beginning Monday, November 30. The mailbox will be located at the City Building. Drop off your letter by December 15 and Santa will have plenty of time to answer your letters before Christmas Eve.



FITNESS CLASSES

The Recreation Department will be offering fitness sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the senior center. The classes will begin on January 4 and run for ten weeks. All classes will consist of stretching, aerobics, weight lifting and toning. Please bring an exercise mat or towel and 3-8 lb weights. The cost is \$80 for two nights a week or \$40 for one night a week. You must pre-register at the city building by December 31. All participants must sign a liability waiver. No childcare will be provided.



2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

Please watch for the January-June events calendar in the next newsletter. If you are interested in a certain program or would like to share your programming ideas please email Kim Wolking at **kw@edgewoodky.gov**.

SIGN UP FOR FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND ALERTS EDGEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT JOINS NIXLE

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EDGEWOOD SWEATSHIRTS

Show your community pride this winter by wearing an Edgewood sweatshirt. They are available in navy and hunter green and come in small, medium and extra large. The cost is \$30 plus tax.



FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

Where has 2009 gone? It is already November and December and here comes the holidays. I do love the holiday season but with it comes special hazards we must all be prepared for. We indeed have many things to be thankful for so make that Thanksgiving holiday extra special this year. Use your best safety practices when cooking that bird. If you deep fry your turkey do so outdoors, out of the house, and out of the garage. As with Thanksgiving, at Christmas extra folks will be in the house so insist on designated smoking areas, preferably outdoors on the porch or patio. Holiday decorations mean an extra strain on your electrical outlets; if you use extension cords go for the heavy duty cords and spread the wires around, don't overload one circuit. Keep the Christmas tree away from heating vents, fireplaces and don't block exits. If you leave the house turn your decorations off; that includes when you go to bed. Don't hang the stockings with care around the fireplace if you are using it to burn firewood. Please don't burn tree limbs or wrapping paper in the fireplace. If you decide on a live Christmas tree be sure to keep it watered and away from heat sources, especially the fireplace. Recheck your smoke detectors and be sure your guests know your Home Escape Plans and Safe Meeting Place; just some friendly reminders from Fireman Joe. Fireman Joe, along with all the women and men of your Edgewood FIRE/EMS wish all our Edgewood Community a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season. Stay Safe!



CPR CLASSES FORMING

Your Fire/EMS department is offering CPR classes. Their frequency will be scheduled upon the demand of the classes. If you are in need of a recertification or an initial class in CPR or First Aid, please contact Assistant Chief Jeannie Rohan at **578-3280** for more information.



SNOW EMERGENCY

by Stan Goetz, General Services Director

The City has an ordinance that prohibits all motor vehicles from parking on any street in the City during a Snow Emergency. A Snow Emergency may be declared by the Mayor anytime driving conditions are deemed hazardous. It is automatically in effect when there is a snowfall of two or more inches. We notify radio and television stations of declared Snow Emergencies, but they do not always broadcast the notice. These notices are not required and you may receive a citation without prior notification. Also, your car may be towed if it creates a hazard on your street. Snow Emergencies are put into effect for your safety as well as the City's. It allows the Public Works Department to plow and salt the thoroughfares without the additional hazard of parked vehicles. If it is snowing, or if

snow is predicted, please remove your car(s) from the street.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash collected on December 25 and January 1. If you have a Tuesday/Friday pickup you will only have one pickup on Tuesday of that week.

2009-2010 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Just a reminder, if you would like to take advantage of the 1.25% discount, your tax bill must be postmarked by November 30.

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off in the designated areas in both Presidents and Freedom parks until January 15. The Kenton County Public Works Department will pickup the trees and mulch them.

NKAPC PUBLIC FORUM

NKAPC invites you and your neighbors to attend a Public Forum on the future of our hillsides, Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. at Notre Dame Academy, Park Hills. Kenton County's hillsides hold a variety of values and meanings for its residents. Public consensus on how to address this issue is important. Join the discussion. Express your opinions. A panel of professionals will be on hand to answer your questions. For more information, contact NKAPC at 859.331.8980 or **thehills@nkapc.org**

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL HEADS TO EUROPE ON AN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE!

Students at Holy Cross High School will discover the magic of Rome, Paris and London on an EF educational tour. Connie Kreutzjans and Gay Trame, a Holy Cross teacher, announced today, they will take a group of students and alumni to explore Europe during the 2010 summer vacation. The ten-day tour includes stops in Rome, Pompeii, Florence, Paris, Versailles and London. After standing inside the Colosseum, walking along Champs-Élysées or simply ordering lunch in the local language, students will see new possibilities in the world, in their abilities and in their future. In addition to gaining greater cultural sensitivity and an international perspective on their studies, students will return home feeling more confident and independent—qualities that stay with them throughout their academic, professional and personal lives.

ABOUT EF

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